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### **Limited START Bus Commuter Service During Snake River Canyon Closure**

Jackson, WY – START Bus is cancelling its 5:35 am departure from Etna and its 12:40pm return from Jackson on its Star Valley Commuter route while the Snake River Canyon remains closed. The second and third departures from Etna at 6:35am and 6:55am and the second and third buses returning from Jackson at 4:50pm and 5:20pm will pick up at the regularly scheduled times. These buses will be detouring over Teton pass so expect about one additional hour of travel time. START will return to its regular schedule as soon as the canyon is open to traffic. START apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Please call 307-733-4521 with any questions.

*\*Information on the closure from WYDOT: JACKSON – A large mud-landslide continues to encroach US 89 and despite efforts of WYDOT maintenance crews to clear the debris, the highway remains closed. Commuters to Jackson should be prepared to take an alternate route on Monday morning as it is questionable if the highway will reopen in time for the commute.*

*The slide began to encroach on the westbound lane early Saturday morning. Jackson maintenance crews began to move the debris in an effort to keep the roadway open, but by Saturday night the slide movement had accelerated to a point where two front end loaders and a fleet of six trucks could not keep up.*

*Sunday morning, Jackson maintenance forces were joined by addition trucks from the Afton crew. John Eddins, WYDOT District 3 District Engineer said that he estimates the debris is reaching the highway at the rate of a couple of feet an hour, and the efforts are proving to be futile as the debris is moving across the roadway as fast as the crews can load it.*

*Additional resources are being brought in to assist the WYDOT crews in an attempt get ahead of the mudslide. Additional road information can be found on WYDOT's Road and Travel website, [www.wyoroad.info](http://www.wyoroad.info) or by calling 511. Additional details will be sent out as they become available.*

*WYDOT maintenance crews continue to battle the mudslide at milepost 127 on US 89, but the slide is moving faster than the crews can handle.\**

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